MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, in the case of Mr. T. S. Vittal Rao, Store-keeper in the Survey Superintendent's office.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know what is the age of the Store-keeper in the Survey Superintendent's Office?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I think this is the second extension for him.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinikil*): Will the member be pleased to state his age?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I think he is fifty-seven years old.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is his present pay?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I think he is getting about Rs. 60.

Scholarships to Students of Backward Classes in Colleges.

221. **MR. R. PADMANABHAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made provision for awarding special scholarships to the college students belonging to the backward classes besides endowed scholarships and those awarded on competitive examinations;

(*b*) whether there are special scholarships set apart for women pupils of Government Colleges;

(*c*) if so, the number of women holding such scholarships; and

(*d*) if there is none, will the Government be pleased to make provision for awarding such scholarships during 1102?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Provision does not exist for the award of special scholarships otherwise than on the basis of merit except to Mahomedan women students attending colleges.

(*c*) One, and she is a Mahomedan.

(*d*) On financial grounds, the Government do not consider it feasible to institute more special scholarships.

Send off to Mr. A. Narayana Aiyar, Retired Inspector of English Schools.

222. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of money collected from the staff of each of the departmental schools of the State for the farewell meeting arranged and conducted in Trivandrum and for other purposes in connection with the retirement of Mr. A. Narayana Aiyar, B. A., L. T., Inspector of English Schools;

(*b*) how the money collected was spent;

(*c*) whether the meeting was conducted with the sanction of the Government; and

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